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Story So Far

FOLLOWING A ROUTINE RAID, SKY PIRATE CLOUD VAN GIRIET DISCOVERS A MOST UNUSUAL BOUNTY--A BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN A BOX NAMED REN WHO SHE SAYS SHE NEEDS TO GO TO A PLACE CALLED EDEL GARDEN. BUT BEFORE CLOUD CAN MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL, A GROUP CALLED ARC AILE ARRIVES, STATING THAT THE GIRL IS IN FACT AN EDEL RAID (A LIVING WEAPON WHO REACTS WITH A HUMAN TO BECOME A FIGHTING MACHINE), AND THAT THEY WISH TO BUY HER. CLOUD IS OUTRAGED THAT THEY WOULD TREAT HER LIKE PROPERTY, AND REFUSES TO LET THEM HAVE HER. A BATTLE BREAKS OUT, AND REN BONDS WITH CLOUD, BECOMING HIS WEAPON DURING THE FIGHT. REN IS SO TOUCHED BY CLOUD'S RESOLVE TO HELP HER, THAT SHE DECIDES TO BECOME HIS PERSONAL EDEL RAID.

BUT DURING HIS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE WITH REN, CLOUD'S ESCAPE POD IS SHOT DOWN...BUT NOT BEFORE REN'S GRAPPLING HOOK MANAGES TO BRING DOWN ARC AILE'S PLANE AS WELL. CLOUD, REN AND THE THREE MEMBERS OF ARC AILE ARE LEFT TO WANDER THE FOREST BELOW WITH NO FOOD OR MONEY. CISQUA (LEADER OF THE ARC AILE TEAM) DECIDES TO FOLLOW CLOUD AND REN, MUCH TO CLOUD'S ANNOYANCE. TOGETHER, THEY SAVE A FATHER AND DAUGHTER FROM A MONSTER, AND IN EXCHANGE, THE FATHER OFFERS THEM LODGING. BUT BECAUSE OF HIS INDIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HIS KIND OFFER TURNS INTO A TRAP, AND REN IS CAPTURED BY A BLACK MARKET EDEL RAID DEALER NAMED BEAZON. CLOUD AND THE ARC AILE AGENTS RUSH TO HER RESCUE...BUT CLOUD IS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT REN MAY HAVE CHOSEN A NEW MASTER...

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Re-No: 5

The Great Windmill, Elé Blanca-Elé Blanca





...I've spun...

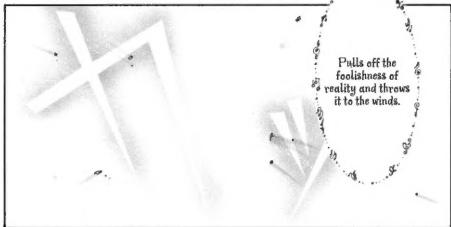
...a lengthy
alluring song...



Care-
fully...



REN...



Pulls off the
foolishness of
reality and throws
it to the winds.









REN...?



I'M SORRY
I SAID SUCH
TERRIBLE
THINGS...

I'M...
SORRY.



WHAT
....?

WHAT?!



HE WAS
BAITING YOU
WITH REN.

IT'S
FAIRLY
OBVIOUS
WHAT
SHE'S
DONE.

HE
COMPLETELY
SUCKED YOU
IN.



IT WAS AN
ACT.

HUH?

SHE WAS
TRYING TO
FOOL HIM SO
SHE COULD
ESCAPE.

GET
WITH
IT.



IT'S A
PACT FOR
LIFE.

EOEL RAIDS
ONLY FORM
A PACT
WITH ONE
PERSON.



THAT WAS
ALL AN
ACT?

OF COURSE,
I FIGURED IT OUT
RIGHT AWAY...!



OOHHH...!
SO THAT'S
WHAT IT WAS
...!



I'VE
BETRAYED
YOU.

I'M
SORRY
...



THAT IS,
AT LEAST
FOR THE
DURATION
OF THE
HUMAN'S
LIFE.

STILL,
I SAID
TERRIBLE
THINGS TO
YOU,
COUD.

I THOUGHT
YOU'D ALREADY
ABANDONED ME,
REN.

BUT
IT WAS ALL
AN ACT!

WHAT A
RELIEF!

BECAUSE
I SAID
SUCH
TERRIBLE
THINGS TO
YOU...

WHY
WOULD I
BE?

HUH?

YOU'RE
NOT
ANGRY?

IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
WOULD HAVE
USED HER
PROPERLY
ANYWAY...

CAN
IT!!

I COULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN HIM
BY MYSELF.

YOU
SAVED
ME,
REN.

IT WAS
A LIE
SO YOU
COULD
GET AWAY
FROM HIM,
RIGHT?







NO!

I'LL NEVER
GIVE HER TO
YOU!!



NOW
!!

YOUR
TIME HAS
COME!!



LOW IS STILL
SUCH A
NOVICE...

I DON'T KNOW
HOW STRONG
HIS OPPONENT
IS, BUT I
DOUBT HE CAN
STAND UP TO
HIM ALONE!

THE
GIRL IS
MINE!!



WAIT UNTIL
ROWEN
AND
KUEA--

COW! DON'T
LET HIM
PROVOKE
YOU!

I
SAID,
"WAIT!"

UM,
HELLOP!





Scheming in
the shrouding
darkness

...
USING
AN
EDEL
RAID!



WATCH
AND LEARN,
KID. THIS IS
HOW YOU
FIGHT...



Let us
entangle our
enemies in our
strangling
rapids...



**HISSING
COBRA!!**

ヒューン



COH!!



I'M
COMPLETELY
NUMB ALL
OVER...! I
CAN'T FEEL
ANYTHING!!

HUNH
...



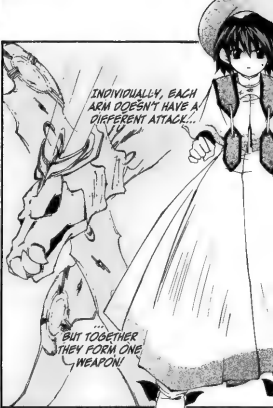
THOUGHTS?

KINDA
FEELS LIKE A
GIANT SNAKE
BROKE EVERY
BONE IN YOUR
BODY,
DOESN'T
IT?



HE PRODUCES
A PULSE OF
ELECTRICAL
ENERGY FROM
THE RODS ON HIS
RIGHT ARM...

...AND AMPLIFIES
IT IN THE SNAKE'S
SKULL.



INDIVIDUALLY, EACH
ARM DOESN'T HAVE A
DIFFERENT ATTACK...

...
BUT TOGETHER
THEY FORM ONE
WEAPON!



HMPH... VERY
SNAKELIKE
...INDEED.

HENCE, THE
HISSING
COBRA.

...AND
WRAPS IT
AROUND HIS
ENEMY.

AS IF DRAWING A
SPIRAL WITH THE
WEAPON ON HIS
LEFT ARM, HE
CONTROLS THE
ENERGY...





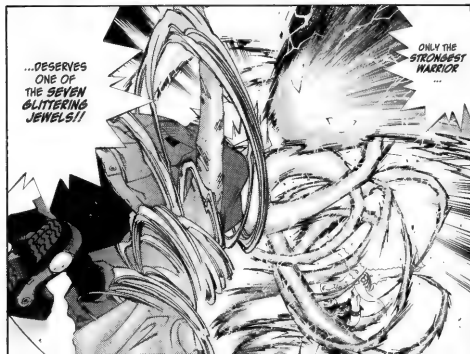




YOU STILL
DON'T GET
IT!

THE
WEAPONS
WANT
SOMEONE
POWERFUL--
LIKE ME!

IT'S
WHAT
MAKES
THEM
HAPPY!



...DESERVES
ONE OF
THE SEVEN
GLITTERING
JEWELS!!

ONLY THE
STRONGEST
WARRIOR



COU!!



**HE
MISSED?!**



**I DOUBT HE
DID IT ON
PURPOSE!**

**I'VE NEVER
SEEN HIM MISS
BEFORE!**



**GIVE
IT UP!
YOU'RE
NO MATCH
FOR
ME!!**





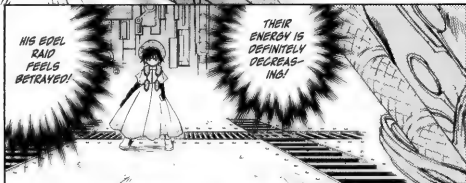
I WONDER
IF I'D BE
SPECIAL.

OR
WOULD I
JUST BE
ANOTHER
ONE OF THE
GIRLS YOU
SELL.



WHAT
...?

THIS IS
NO TIME TO
BE ASKING
QUESTIONS!



HIS EDEL
RAID
FEELS
BETRAYED!

THEIR
ENERGY IS
DEFINITELY
DECREAS-
ING!



...THEIR
POWERS
ARE
WEAKENED
AS WELL!

IF THE BOND
BETWEEN AN
EDEL RAID
AND HUMAN IS
WEAKENED...



...I MADE A
PROMISE. I
WILL TAKE
YOU TO EDEL
GARDEN.

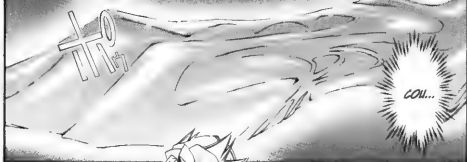


BUT...



I'M
SORRY
I KEEP
PUTTING
YOU IN
DANGER.

I'M
SORRY
I'M NOT A
GOOD
FIGHTER.



CON...



...AS
LONG AS
WE FIGHT
TOGETH-
ER.

EH?

WE CAN
FIGHT...



MY
H-
HEART?

CALM YOUR
HEART...

FEEL ME
DEEP
INSIDE...



I HEAR THE
WIND!

AH...

I HEAR
IT...!

IT'S
BLOWING
INTO ME.

SING
WITH
ME.

COW...

**I HEAR
REN'S
SONG!**

...and
the voice of the
rustling wind spin
thee and each
dream...

May
then and the
dreams we write
be bound. May
the echoing of
the ends of the
earth, the fields
of heaven...

**I HEAR
IT...**

BEAZON!

I...

May
the shadows that
sleep and dream
alone...

...in naught
but fear, be
filled with
light...

**IT'S REN'S
SONG!**

**OBEY
YOUR
MASTER'S
ORDERS,
DAMN
YOU!!**

**SHUT UP!
YOU BELONG
TO ME!!**



**TAKE
THAT!!**

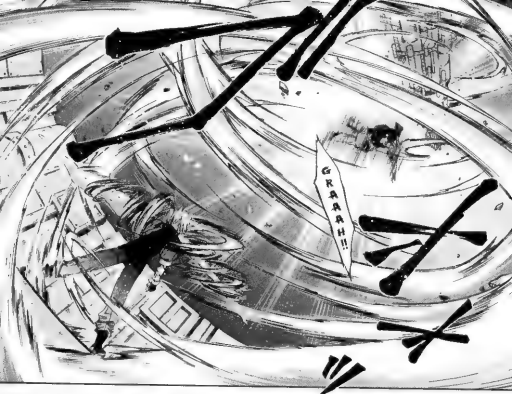
May
the echo at
the end of earth,
the ocean of
heaven, and the
voice of rustling
wind...

WHOA!!

**DON'T
TALK WHILE
SOMEONE
ELSE IS
SINGING!!**







THEY'VE
ONLY
FOUGHT
TOGETHER
THREE
TIMES!

AND THOSE
TWO BARELY
HAVE ANY
TRAINING!

AMAZING!
SO THAT'S
THE POWER
OF ONE OF
THE SEVEN
GLITTERING
JEWELS!!

WHO KNOWS
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN
WHEN THEY
FINALLY DO
GET USED
TO FIGHTING
TOGETHER?!

TO THINK
THEY WOULD
BE ABLE TO
DISPLAY SO
MUCH POWER
ALREADY...!

A LOOP-SHAPED
WIND BLADE CUT
THE FORTRESS IN
TWO, AND BLEW IT
UP INTO THE SKY
WITH THE WIND
PRESSURE!!

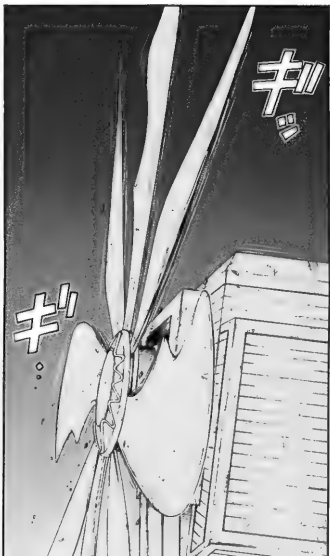


OH,
MAN...

ONE MORE
SECOND, AND WE
ALL WOULD'VE
BEEN FLAT!!

ME?! I'M
THE ONE
THAT SAVED
YOU!!

TRY TO
REMEMBER
THAT NEXT TIME
BEFORE YOU
GO THROWING
BUILDINGS IN
THE AIR!!

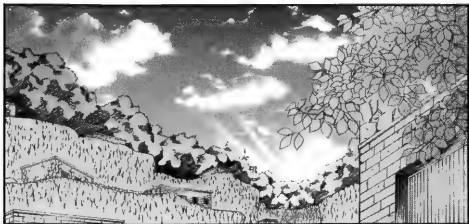




IT'S
TURNING!

DO YOU THINK
THIS MEANS
SOMETHING'S
GOING ON?

HEY
...





WAAAAHHH!!

AIEE!!

ハヤ

...WELL,
GAPING
...

WELL,
IT'S,
UM...
KIND
OF...



WELL,
EXCUSE ME,
BUT IT'S ALL
WE HAVE!

What's
wrong
with
this?

HOW COULD
YOU PUT HER IN
THAT?!

ALTHOUGH
IT'S CUTE
AND ALL...

Close
your
mouth
one
more
gals!!



...SO I
FIGURED HE
OWED US.

DO IF HE
WAS THE
ONE WHO
DESTROYED
HER
CLOTHES IN
THE FIRST
PLACE...



HEH
HEH
HEH!

SHOPPING?
GOW, DO
YOU HAVE
MONEY?



WE'LL
JUST
CLOSE IT
UP WITH
SAFETY
PINS.

I'LL TAKE YOU
SHOPPING
WHEN WE GET
TO TOWN.



SPEAKING
OF
PIRATES
...

YOUR HAT
SURE IS
FLUFFY
TODAY,
BOSS.



HE MAY
HAVE BEEN
A HOPELESS
SCOUNDREL,
BUT STEALING IS
DEPLORABLE!

YOU
STOLE
IT?!

Damn
pirates!



Ha ha ha ha ha...



Every
body
run!

WAAHHH!
THEY'RE AFTER
US!

CHISQUA,
WAIT!!

EXCUSE
ME.

HEY
...!!



...WHEN YOU
TAKE EVEN ONE
STEP OUT OF THE
CALM...

YOU SAID
THAT YOU ALL
WERE LIKE THE
WINDMILL.

...
THERE'S
SO MUCH
WIND.

THAT THERE
WAS NOTHING
YOU COULD
DO...

...BUT KEEP
ENDURING THE
CIRCUM-
STANCES.

BUT...







Re-No: 6

Mamfé, the Leaning Bazaar—Steam, Suspicion, a Spy?!



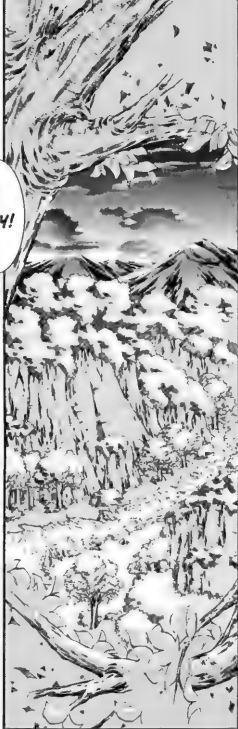
HOW LONG
ARE YOU
GOING
TO KEEP
FOLLOWING
US?

HEY!



WE SHOULD
ALL BE
FRIENDS AND
ENJOY THE
JOURNEY.

FOLLOWING
YOU? WE'RE
A TEAM,
AREN'T
WE?!





BUT
WHAT IS
SHE UP
TO?

I
DON'T
TRUST
HER.



WE MUST
STAY WITH REN.
OTHERWISE, WE'LL
BE DEMOTED, AND
PROBABLY TAKE A
PAY CUT, TOO!

MY
PROMOTION
DEPENDS ON
THIS MISSION.

OR EVEN
WORSE---GET
TRANSFERRED
TO SOME
DESERT
COLONY!



WE MUST PROTECT
AND WATCH OVER
REN UNTIL WE CAN
TALK TO ANOTHER
MEMBER OF THE
SOCIETY FOR
PROTECTION.



WHOA!

C' MOON!

I'M
TIRED...

I'M
HUNGRY...

WE'VE
BEEN
WALKING
ALL DAY.

CAN WE
PLEASE
TAKE A
BREAK
...?



HEY, BOSS--
THAT LOOKS
LIKE A HOUSE
OVER THERE.





SHE'S GOT IT
GOING ON.

OH
MY...



NOW
THIS IS THE
LIFE!

AAAH
HHHH
...



WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT THERE'D
BE A SPA WAY OUT
HERE?



A SPA
WITH
A HOT
SPRINGS?

THAT MEANS
THERE'S A
FIVE-STAR
RESTAURANT
AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE!

HEH...

HEH...

HEH...



I DON'T THINK
YOU'LL FIND
MUCH OUT HERE,
KUEA.

BESIDES...

ぜいぜい
はあ
あ

LET'S
EAT!!



"LISTEN,
REN--DON'T
LET YOUR
GUARD DOWN
AROUND
THEM!"



...WE'RE
TRYING TO
RELAX!

So please
stop
yelling!





"I SHOULD
HAVE BEATEN
HIM TO A
BLOODY
PULP."

"DAMN!"



"THAT
PIECE OF
TRASH!"

"TEARING
UP A GIRL'S
CLOTHING IS
UNFORGIV-
ABLE!"



"TAKE MY
SPARE
UNIFORM."

"HERE..."

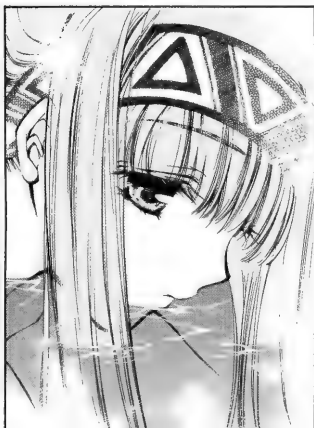


"SORRY. I
WAS A LITTLE
WORKED
UP."

"OH..."



"YOU CAN
WEAR IT
INSTEAD!"





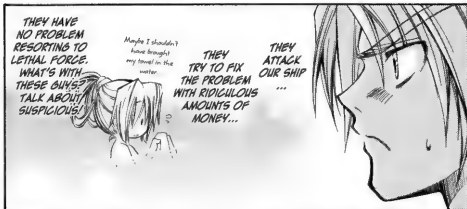
I HAVEN'T BEEN
TO AN OPEN-
AIR BATH SINCE
THE ACADEMY
GRADUATION
TRIP!



MEANWHILE,
IN THE
MEN'S
BATH...

A NATURAL
HOT
SPRING!

OH,
THIS IS
INCRED-
IBLE...!



THEY HAVE
NO PROBLEM
RESORTING TO
LETHAL FORCE.
WHAT'S WITH
THESE GUYS?
TALK ABOUT
SUSPICIOUS!

Maybe I shouldn't
have brought
my towel in the
water.

THEY
TRY TO FIX
THE PROBLEM
WITH RIDICULOUS
AMOUNTS OF
MONEY...

THEY
ATTACK
OUR SHIP
...



WHO
ARE THE
"SOCIETY
FOR PROTEC-
TION"?

WHO
ARE YOU
REALLY?

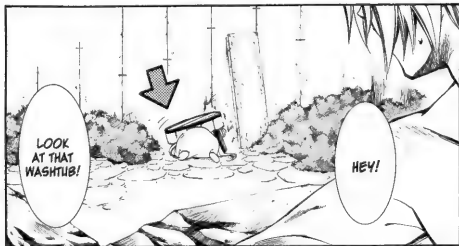


WHAT?

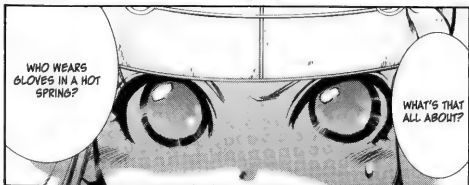
HEY...

**A
LIKELY
STORY!!**

WE'RE
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.



HEY!









THE
DARK
ONE? THE
ONE WITH
LONG
HAIR?

KUEA
AND REN?



I CAN'T
TELL
FROM
HERE.

THIS
IS NO
GOOD.



WHAT
IS THIS GIRL
UP TO?

CAN'T TELL
WHAT?



THE
DARK ONE.

AND
THE ONE
WITH LONG
HAIR.

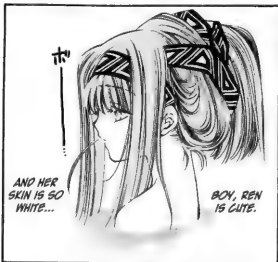


AAAAHHH! I
CAN'T TAKE
THIS!

WOMANLY...
YES...



LUCKY DOG! HE
GETS TO HANG OUT
WITH HER EVERY
DAY!



AND HER
SKIN IS SO
WHITE...

BOY, REN
IS CUTE.



SHE'S SO
WOMANLY.

DON'T YOU
THINK?



WHERE'S
CISQUA?

I KNEW
SHE WASN'T
REALLY A
WOMAN.



I KIND OF MISSED
OUT...

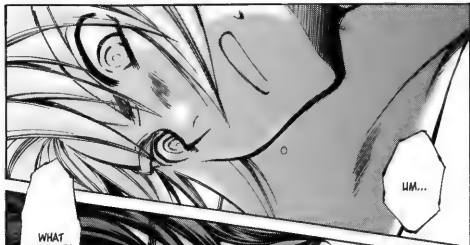
AHH! I HAVE
NO SHAME!!

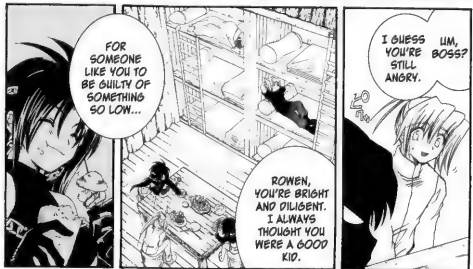


HEY! REN'S
DROWN-
ING!!











I ALREADY
SAID I WAS
SORRY.

Heh.
COMMON
THIEF? COME
ON!



YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
SORRY!!

UN-
FORGIV-
ABLE!!

HOW
DARE
YOU !!

Watch
out!



SHE WAS
GONE
BEFORE WE
KNEW IT.

You're not
mad, Kira?

SO WHERE'S
THE LITTLE
GIRL YOU
SAY LED THE
PEEPING?



BESIDES,
YOUR BODY
ISN'T REALLY
THAT MUCH
DIFFERENT
THAN MINE.
SO WHO
CARES IF I
SAW THOSE
MOSQUITO
BITES YOU
CALL A
CHEST?

WHA
--?!



I MEAN,
MY COVER
WAS ALMOST
BLOWN!

THAT
ALMOST
ENDED IN
DISASTER.

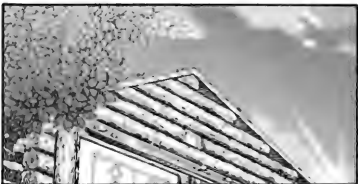


I
WONDER
WHAT SHE
WAS UP
TO?



I WILL
GET THE INFO
AND PLEASE
MY MAN!
♡

IT'S
HARD TO KEEP A
GOOD WOMAN
DOWN!



THERE'RE A
BUNCH OF
SHOPS!



THIS HIGHWAY,
MAMFÉ, HAS
BEEN USED
BY MER-
CHANTS FOR
DECADES.

YOU
CAN GET
ANYTHING
YOU WANT
HERE.



THAT'S
BECAUSE
WE CLOSE
UP SHOP AT
NIGHT.

YESTER-
DAY THERE
WAS NOTH-
ING.

IS
THIS YOUR
FIRST TIME
HERE?





THEY PUT THEIR
GOODS UP ON
THOSE BOARDS
TO MAKE THEM
EASIER FOR
PEDESTRIANS
TO SEE.

ALL THE
SHOPKEEPERS
LEAN THOSE
BOARDS UP
AGAINST THE
WALL.



WHY ARE
THEY
SETTING
UP THOSE
BOARDS?



LET'S
GO LOOK,
REN!

WOW!

THAT'S WHY
THIS PLACE
IS KNOWN
AS THE
"LEANING
BAZAAR."

THEY
MIGHT
HAVE NEW
CLOTHES.



OH, NO...! I'M
SETTING THE ALARM
TO GO OFF IF AN
EDEL RAID OTHER
THAN KUEA OR REN
GETS CLOSE.

BECAUSE
OF WHAT
HAPPENED
IN ELÉ
BLANCA,
YOU KNOW.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
BOSS?

WHY
ARE YOU
FIDDLING
WITH THE
RADAR?





WELL,
FOR NOW
IT'S JUST A
PRECAUTION.



HUH...
GOOD
IDEA.

ON THE
OUTSIDE,
EDEL RAIDERS
LOOK NO
DIFFERENT
THAN
NORMAL
HUMANS.

YOU'LL
NEVER
DETECT
THEM WITH
JUST THE
NAKED
EYE.

IT
LOOKS
LIKE THERE
AREN'T ANY
EDEL RAIDERS
AROUND.

THERE.
IT'S
DONE.



HOLD
IT RIGHT THERE,
MISS...!



UGH! I TAKE
MY EYES OFF
THEM FOR
A SECOND
AND THEY
DISAPPEAR!



WAIT,
WHERE
ARE
REN
AND
LOU?

THEY
WENT TO GO
LOOK FOR
SOME NEW
CLOTHES AT
THE SHOPS.









MY REAL
NAME,
EH?

IT'S
SO LONG,
IT'S A PAIN TO
WRITE.

NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT, YOU'RE
RIGHT.



I'M SURE
I'VE
SEEN YOU
BEFORE

YOU NEED
TO EAT IN
MODERATION.

WHAT'S MY
FORTUNE?

HERE. ♪







WHAT
KIND OF
CLOTHES
MIGHT YOU
BE LOOKING
FOR, HMM?

AHEM
...



DANG. I
DON'T KNOW
SQUAT ABOUT
WOMEN'S
CLOTHES.



WHAT
COLOR DO
YOU LIKE,
REN?

WHAT
COLOR
WOULD YOU
LIKE?



SOMETHING
SOFT,
MAYBE?

I
DON'T
KNOW
...



ER, I
WANT SOME
CLOTHES
THAT WOULD
LOOK GOOD
ON HER.

WHO'S
SHE?

MY, MY...
DEAR,
DEAR...



SOFT,
EH...?

HOW
ABOUT
THIS?!

YOU
HAVE ZERO
SENSE OF
FASHION,
COU.

LAME
...!

H/14/1/2/2/2



LOOKS
FUN. I'LL
CHOOSE
ONE,
TOO.

Ah!

I'LL
CHOOSE
REN'S
CLOTHES.

BUT MY
DISGUISE IS
WORKING.

THIS IS
NO GOOD.
THEY'RE ALL
GATHERED
TOGETHER.

THAT'S A
PEASANT GIRL'S
OUTFIT!

WHAT IS
WITH YOU
PEOPLE?!



CLOTHES
ARE ALL
ABOUT
MOBILITY.

THE LESS
FABRIC, THE
BETTER!

I'M
COLD.

I CAN'T LET HER
WALK AROUND
LIKE THAT!



FOR A GIRL,
ELEGANCE IS
BEST.

I CAN'T
MOVE.

WELL, IT
IS CUTE,
BUT...

I PUT
EMPHASIS
ON
MOBILITY
AND
SAFETY.

LAME!





YOU
PEOPLE
DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING!

UGH!



IT'S THE
SAME
COLOR.



TRY
THIS ONE
INSTEAD!



NOW YOUR
CLOTHES ARE
GOOD, BUT THAT
RIBBON DOESN'T
MATCH THE
OUTFIT!

YES!

CUTE
...



...IT'S
SPECIAL
TO ME.

BESIDES
...



WHAT?

THIS
ONE IS
FINE.



YOU!!

BUT THIS
ONE
WOULD
LOOK
BETTER.

YOU'RE
THE CHICK THAT
WAS PEEPING
AT THE SPA!

**SHE'S
THE
ONE?!**

DO YOU WANT
US TO PLAY WITH
YOU, LITTLE
GIRL?

**I'M
NOT A
KID!
I'M A
SPY!**

**SHE WAS
BUGGING US A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO.**



**I REALLY,
REALLY AM
A SPY!**

**YOU
JUST
SNICKERED
AT ME!**



I WILL TELL
YOU THIS
MUCH...

IF YOU GO A
LOOOOONS WAY
ON THIS ROAD,
YOU'LL SEE
A REALLY BIG
TOWN.



HEY
....!!



BOY, DOES
SHE NEED
SOMEONE
TO PLAY
WITH. I
BLAME THE
PARENTS.

MUST BE
SOME
LOCAL
PUNK KID.

WHAT
WAS
THAT
ABOUT
?



YOU
SHOULD
GO
THERE...!





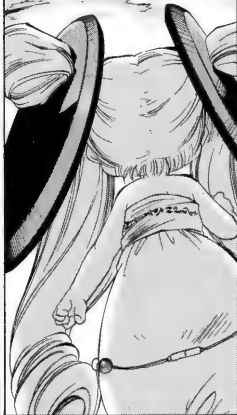
I WAS A
SPY!

G-GUESS
WHAT?!

AND--



QUIT
SCREWING
AROUND!!





I EVEN
GOT ONE
OF THEIR
NAMES!



LOOK! I
FOUND TWO
OF THEM
FOR YOU!



N-NO!
I'M S-
SORRY...!



TONIGHT
THE **HUNT**
IS ON.

YES...



I
SEE...

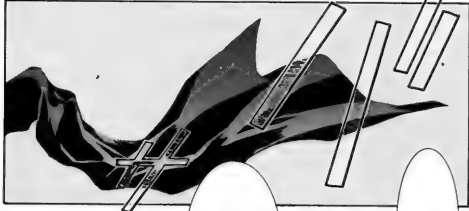
SHE'LL
BE A
NICE
CATCH.



COME ON!
DON'T BE
AFRAID!



UH...



...THE
GAME
BEGINS!!

AND
SO...





Re-No: 7

Edel Raid Hunter - Darkening Wolf



I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
HAVE TEA WITH
A PRETTY GIRL
LIKE THIS.

THIS ISN'T
BAD...















THE
LADY
DOWN-
STAIRS
SAID YOU
WERE
HURT.

WHAT
HAPPENED?





YEEEAH...WELL,
SOUNDS PRETTY
SERIOUS.

I MERELY
BROKE MY
LEG AND
FOUR OR FIVE
RIBS.

Aha
ha
ha!



OH, IT'S
ALL RIGHT.

SORRY!
PARDON
ME,
SIR...

**ROWEN,
SHOW
SOME
RESPECT!**

LONG
TIME NO
SEE,
ROWEN.



HEY,
SUNWELD!

HOW
DID IT
HAPPEN?



SUNWELD,
WHAT
HAPPENED?



**NO TIME
FOR
CHITCHAT!!**

THANKS FOR
ALL YOUR
HELP AT THE
ACADEMY.

HOW
MANY
YEARS HAS
IT BEEN?



WAIT!!
TAKEN
?!



OH...! THEY
WERE TAKEN!
WELL IN THAT
CASE I--



JUST THE
EDEL RAID WE
FOUND AND MY
COMPANION
WERE TAKEN.



IT
WASN'T A
BIG DEAL,
REALLY.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?!

EASY,
BOSS!

OUCH!



I WAS
WONDERING
WHY THAT
PAIN-IN-
THE-NECK
WASN'T
HERE.

SO...
CHALLO
WAS
CAPTURED,
HUH?



IT'S
KIND OF
EMBAR-
RASSING.

DON'T
BEAT A
MAN WHILE
HE'S
DOWN!



I WAS
KNOCKED
OUT TOO
FAST.

I DIDN'T
SEE.



BUT
TWO TAKEN
AT THE SAME
TIME? FROM
YOU, NO
LESS?

WHO
COULD HAVE
DONE SUCH A
THING?



WHO
COULD THAT
BE?

SUNWELD
...



KINDA LIKE
A GIANT
HAMMER.



IT
LOOKED
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THIS
...

BUT...HIS
WEAPON
WAS VERY
DISTINCT.

WE'LL
GET YOUR EDEL
RAID BACK!

WHOEVER
IT IS...

...THEY WON'T
GET FAR NOW
THAT ARC AILE
IS HERE!!



THERE'S
ONE THING
I FORGOT
TO TELL
YOU!

NEVER
MIND,
THEN...



LET'S
GO!!

WAIT,
CISQUA...!





COME
ON,
COW!!

YOU HAVE
TO HELP
US!!



REMEMBER WHEN
SOMEONE GOT
LOST TRYING TO
HELP REN IN ELÉ
BLANCA, AND
SOMEONE ELSE
HELPED THAT
SOMEONE OUT?!

OH,
MAN....!

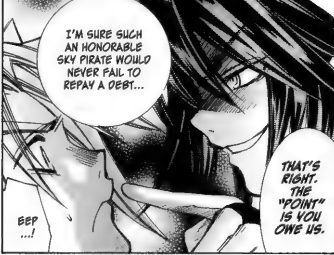
ARE YOU REALLY
ASKING THAT
QUESTION?



WHY DO I
HAVE TO
HELP?



HEH.



I'M SURE SUCH
AN HONORABLE
SKY PIRATE WOULD
NEVER FAIL TO
REPAY A DEBT...

EEP
...!

THAT'S
RIGHT.
THE
"POINT"
IS YOU
OWE US.



NOT THE
POINT!

WE
WERE
LOST?



I'LL HELP
YOU!!

FINE!!

VICTORY IS
MINE!



...NOW
WOULD HE?

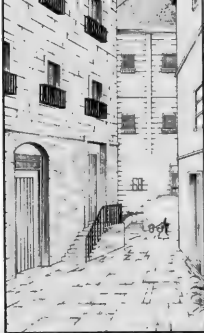
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GOOD IDEA.
THERE MIGHT
BE SOME
CLUES
THERE.



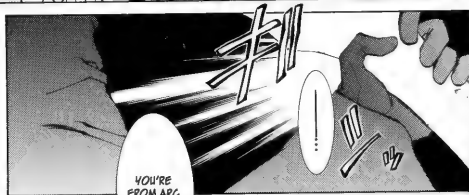
FIRST, WE'LL
GO TO THE
SPOT WHERE
SUNWELD
WAS
ATTACKED.



ALL THESE
ALLEYS LOOK THE
SAME. I DON'T
WANT TO GET
LOST.













HE
DIDN'T EVEN
FIGHT BACK. QUITE
DISAPPOINTING
FROM A MEMBER
OF ARC AILE.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

BUT
YOUR EDEL
RAIDS SEEM
LIKE THEY HAVE
ENOUGH POWER
TO SATISFY ME.







THAT LOOKS LIKE
THE THING THAT REN
HAD ON HER HEAD
BACK ON THE SHIP...

HEY
...



BUT ARC
AILE'S EOEL
RAIDS HAVE
UNDERGONE
SPECIAL
TRAINING.

IT
TEMPORARILY
SEALS AN
EOEL RAID'S
ABILITIES.

IT'S A
SEALING
CHARM.

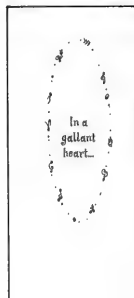
THE
STRENGTH OF
THE SEAL AND
THE DURATION
OF THE BINDING
DEPEND ON THE
POWERS OF THE
USER.

Heel!



...THE
SEALING CHARM
DIDN'T WORK ON
KUEA.

THAT'S
WHY...





NOW...

...YOU WILL
RETURN THE
EDEL RAIDS
YOU'VE
STOLEN!



...embrace
great
wisdom...

...and make
the vow!









WHOA!

BOWEN
IS REALLY
STRONG!



KUEA IS A TOP-
NOTCH EDEL
RAID, EVEN
BY ARC AILE
STANDARDS.



YES, BUT
THIS GUY IS
NO SLOUCH
HIMSELF.

BUT
THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE
IN THE
STRENGTHS
OF THEIR
EDEL RAID.



MOST
RAIDS
JUST
HAVE BIG
ATTACKS.

KUEA, HOWEVER,
CAN PINPOINT
AN OPPONENT'S
WEAKNESS AND
GRIPPLE THEM FOR
GOOD.



YOU
CAN SAY
THAT
AGAIN.

ROWEN MAY
LOOK LIKE THE
WEAKER OF THE
USERS...



HAPH.





WHY ARE YOU
TARGETING ARC
AILE?

WHERE
ARE THE
STOLEN
EDEL
RAIDS?





THERE'S
NO WAY YOU
CAN BEAT
ME WITH THAT
WEAPON!

WHY DO
YOU STILL
FIGHT?!



HEH
HEH
...

!!



I
WANT TO
HUNT PREY
WORTHY
OF MY
TALENTS.

I
SAID IT
BEFORE.



I
WANT
TO DEFEAT
EDEL
RAIDS WITH
MY OWN
POWERS,
NOT
THEIRS!

SHE'S
JUST A WARM-
UP TOOL. I HAD
TO GAUGE YOUR
STRENGTH
FIRST.

WHAT? YOU
THINK THIS
IS MY *ONLY*
WEAPON?



ARC AILE
AGENTS
HAVE
SPECIAL
TRAINING.



...
ENVATILIA!

KULL-
WEET
...



NO
...!



I
ALWAYS
...



...GET
MY PREY.







**BEHIND
YOU!!**

**ROWEN
!!**



**IMPOSSIBLE!
ONLY ROWEN AND
I KNOW KUEA'S
REAL NAME!**











WAIT!

...I'M COMING
FOR HER.



BYE,
NOW.

SORRY
WE HAVE
TO BE
GOING.



QUIET!
THAT'S
NONE
OF THEIR
BUSINESS!

LET'S
GO!

TOMORROW
NIGHT WE HAVE
TO GIVE THEM
ALL TO DESHO
IN FRONT OF
THE GAT--



THE
NEXT TIME
I HUNT
...

OH
MY

WAIT,
BOSS!

I'm sorry!

THIS
IS BAD.



I
ALWAYS
...

...GET MY
PREY!!



"I MUST GO TO
EDEL GARDEN!"

"STOP!"





Re-No: 8

Edel-Raid Hunter-Fanning Necessity



LOCKING
FRAGILE
MAIDENS UP
LIKE THIS!

YOU'VE
GOT SOME
NERVE!



KUEA?!



SNIFF!



NO. DON'T
CRY.



I'M
HERE. IT'S
OKAY.





HE DID.

YES.



HE
BEAT YOU,
DIDN'T
HE?



I JUST
DON'T KNOW
HOW HE GOT SO
POWERFUL...

HE IS AN
EDEL RAID
HUNTER.

AND
WHY WOULD
HE TAKE
CHALLO?



...HE'S QUITE
TOUGH.

WHATEVER
THE REASON
...







I'LL
LEAVE SOME
WEAPONS.

STILL,
THEY'RE
MEMBERS
OF MY
SOCIETY.

THEY'RE
BOTH INJURED,
AND THEY DON'T HAVE
THEIR EDEL RAIDS,
SO THEY'RE KIND
OF USELESS AT
THE MOMENT.

SO
MEAN!

OUCH.



REN
AND I ARE
OUTTA THIS
TOWN!

YOU
THINK I'M
JUST GOING
TO STAY?!



HERE
YOU GO,
SUNWELD.

WAIT A
SECOND!



IT LOOKED
JUST LIKE THE
DECORATION
REN HAD ON
WHEN I FIRST
MET HER.



BESIDES,
THAT CHARM
THING HE
WAS USING
...



YOU'RE
RIGHT...

BUT THE
HUNTER
IS AFTER
REN!

ALL
THE MORE
REASON TO
GET THE HECK
OUT OF HERE
NOW.



THAT
MEANS THAT
SOMEONE'S
SEALED REN
BEFORE,
RIGHT?



REN'S BEEN
REALLY SCARED
SINCE SHE SAW
THAT CHARM.

SHE
DOESN'T WANT
TO BE SEALED
AGAIN.





BESIDES--
WE CAN'T
TRUST
YOU.



SO WHY
SHOULD I
TRUST
YOU?!

I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
YOU!

YOU STILL
WON'T TELL ME
WHY YOU WANT
REN...



WE
WANT TO
PROTECT
REN...



BOSS...



WE...



YOU
THINK OF
REN AS A
TOOL...

...OR
SOME-
THING TO
SELL,
DON'T
YOU?!



YOU KEEP
SAYING THAT.

HOW DO
I KNOW YOU
DON'T WANT
TO SELL
HER?







YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?

WHAT
...?



OUR MISSION
IS TO TAKE
REN.

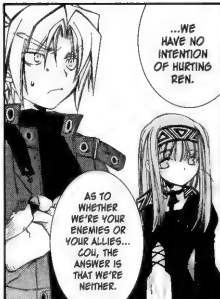
IN
THAT CASE,
COU, WE
WILL CARRY
OUT OUR
MISSION.



BOSS!!
NO!!

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO GET
IN THE WAY...I'LL HAVE
TO KILL YOU.





...WE
HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF HURTING
REN.

AS TO
WHETHER
WE'RE YOUR
ENEMIES OR
YOUR ALLIES...
GOW, THE
ANSWER IS
THAT WE'RE
NEITHER.



WE
ARE WELL
AWARE THAT
YOU ARE
SUSPICIOUS
OF US.

BUT I
PROMISE
YOU THIS...



HOW DARE
YOU?!

I DAMN
NEAR PEED
MY PANTS!

HA
HA
HA
HA!



JUST LIKE
WHEN YOU GOT
LOST!

W
A
A
H
H
H
!!

AND
THEN YOU
WON'T HAVE
ANYONE TO
SAVE YOU!



THAT'S
OKAY. YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO TRUST
US.

I STILL
DON'T TRUST
YOU!

Piu.



BUT
IF YOU TRY
TO ESCAPE
WITHOUT OUR
HELP...

...THAT
HUNTER
WILL ATTACK
AND STEAL
REN.



I WAS ONLY
SURMISING.

WHATEVER
ARE YOU
SAYING?

BESIDES,
YOU
HAVEN'T
FULLY
REPAID
YOUR
DEBT TO
US, COU.

THAT WAS
DIRTY!



IT'S
NOTHING!
NOTHING!!

LOST?



THAT'S MY
CISQUA.
*So
dirty!*

SHE'S
AS GOOD AT
EXPLOITING
OTHERS'
WEAKNESSES
AS EVER.



WHAT DO
WE DO,
REN?

YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO BE
HERE,
DO
YOU?



YOU'D
PROBABLY
GET BORED
SITTING
HERE DOING
NOTHING,
COU.

BESIDES,
I'D LIKE TO
KEEP AN EYE
ON YOU.

♡

SO,
SHALL WE
GO AND
TRY TO GET
SOME MORE
INFORMATION
ON THIS
CAT?









IT
MUST BE
BECAUSE
OF THIS
SEALING
CHARM.

MY BODY
WON'T MOVE
THE WAY
I WANT
IT TO... IT
FEELS LIKE
MY ENERGY
IS BEING
DRAINED.



WHAT
ABOUT
SUN-
WELD?

OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.



I'M
KUEA.
I'M
ONE OF
YOU.

OH,
DON'T BE
SCARED.

IS
THIS THE
GIRL YOU
TOOK INTO
CUSTODY?



WHERE ARE
WE?

SO...



I HOPE
ROWEN IS
ALL RIGHT.

HE'S OKAY.
HE WAS
INJURED, BUT IT
WASN'T LIFE-
THREATENING.

THANK
GOOD-
NESS.



LOOKS
LIKE A
PRETTY
STURDY
BUILDING.

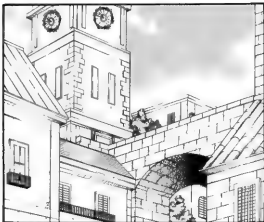
THE
WALLS
SEEM
THICK,
TOO.

SO
THICK THAT
EVEN WHEN THAT
NOISY LITTLE GIRL
OVER THERE THROWS
A TANTRUM, NOT
A WORD OF
IT FILTERS
THROUGH.





NO...





AND VOILÁ! IT
WORKS LIKE A
NAVIGATION SYSTEM!



I SIMPLY
INSERT THE
MEMORY
CARTRIDGE I
BORROWED
FROM
SUNWELD
...
...





THAT'S
STRANGE...

THE
HUNTER'S
EDEL RAID
WASN'T
SEALED, AND
SHE'S NOT
SHOWING UP,
EITHER.



OH YEAH...EDEL
RAIDS THAT HAVE
BEEN SEALED WITH
A SEALING CHARM
DON'T SHOW UP
ON THE RADAR.
THE END.

WHAT? IT'S
COMPLETELY
USELESS?!



IT'S
NOT
BROKEN,
IS IT?

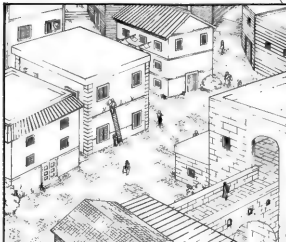
I DON'T
THINK SO.



BUT THE
RADAR
DIDN'T
REACT,
EVEN WHEN
SHE WAS
CLOSE.



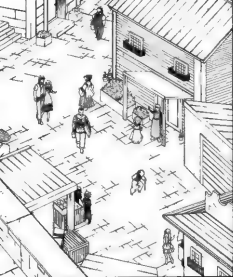
AND
I'M SURE I SET
THE ALARM AT THE
BAZAAR TO GO
OFF IF AN EDEL
RAID OTHER THAN
KUEA OR REN GOT
CLOSE.



WHATEVER.
WE HAVE
TO START
SEARCHING.

YES,
MA'AM.

*What a
pain.*





IT'S A
MOTORCYCLE!
HAVE YOU EVER
SEEN ONE
BEFORE?!

WHAT
IS IT?



COOL!!



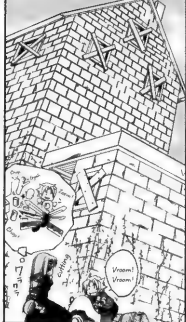
OOHHH!!



IT
RUNS LIKE
IT'S CUTTING
THROUGH THE
WIND!

IT'S
A SUPER-FAST
VEHICLE.





YOUR
ELEMENTAL
GELADE IS
BLOOD RED.



I'VE
GOT A
BUYER
LINED
UP FOR
LATER THIS
EVENING.

THIS
PLACE IS
BORING.

COME ON.
LET'S SELL
IT AND GET
OUT OF
HERE.



LOOKS
LIKE A
GARNET.
QUITE
VALUABLE.



SHE'S
GOT THE
HOTS FOR
YOU, I
KNOW IT!

DESHO.
I HATE
HER.



"THAT
GUY"?

I
HATE THAT
GUY!



TO THINK THE
GIRL SNEAKING
AROUND THE
BAZAAR WAS HIS
EDEL RAID.

SHE
DOESN'T
SHOW UP
ON ARC
AILE'S
NEWEST
RADAR.

IT'S SO
STRANGE.



You're an
idiot.

I just
knew it.



RIDICULOUS.

WHY?



WHY I
DON'T SHOW
UP ON
RADAR?

HEH HEH!
DO YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
WHY?



COME TO THINK
OF IT, CISQUA'S
RADAR WAS
SET TO GIVE AN
ALARM, BUT IT
DIDN'T REACT
EITHER.

SHE
DOESN'T
SHOW
UP?





NO!

HERE.
YOU CAN
TOUCH MY
FINGER.



NOOO!

STOP
BEING
SELF-
ISH.



IF I CAN'T
TOUCH YOUR
BODY, MY
POWER WON'T
REGENERATE.

BUT I FOUGHT
SO MUCH
YESTERDAY, I
HAVE TO DO THIS
TO RECOVER.

♡



IF YOU DON'T, I'LL
GIVE YOU OVER TO THE
BUYER WITH THE OTHER
THREE!

STOP
IT!



NO,
WOLX.





BUT
REMEMBER
THIS...

IT'S TRUE
THAT I CAN
USE YOUR
ABILITY TO
RECOGNIZE
EDEL RAIDS
TO HUNT.



REALLY.

I...

I'M
SORRY.

I WANT
TO BE A
HUNTER
WITH YOU.



YOU'RE
A TOOL.



I'M
SURE MY BUYER
COULD FIND
ME A SUITABLE
REPLACEMENT IF
I ASKED.



YOU'RE NOTHING
BUT TOOLS.

THE SAME
GOES FOR
YOU.



THEY'RE
PROBABLY
THINKING OF
A WAY TO KILL
YOU RIGHT
NOW.

SAYS
YOU.



THEY'RE
PROBABLY
LOOKING FOR
NEW WEAPONS
RIGHT ABOUT
NOW.

ALL
OF ARC
AILE IS.



A close-up of a character with long, dark hair. They are looking slightly to the right with a somber expression. A metal chain is wrapped around their hand, which is visible in the lower-left corner of the panel.

...NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS
TO ME...
NO MATTER
WHERE I AM...

BESIDES
...



A full-page illustration featuring three anime-style characters. On the left, a girl with short, light-colored hair and large eyes looks towards the center. In the center, a girl with long, dark hair and a determined expression wears a dark, revealing outfit with a sash that reads 'PRINCE OF DARKNESS'. On the right, a girl with long, light-colored hair and a gentle smile looks towards the center. The background is a simple, light-colored setting.

I
BELIEVE IN
THEM.

Bam! ♪

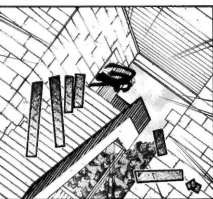
DON'T
UNDERESTIMATE
THEM.

THEY
CAN PACK QUITE
A PUNCH WHEN
THEY NEED
TO.

♪

HEH
HEH!







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